

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

**BIGLER JOBE STOUFFER II and  
TRANSFORMATIONS INT. INC.,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**TOMMY SHARP and WESTERN  
SPORTSMAN CLUB, INC.,**

Defendants.

**No. CIV 20-239-RAW-SPS**

**OPINION AND ORDER**  
**DENYING MOTIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

Plaintiffs Bigler Jobe Stouffer and Transformations Int. Inc. have filed two motions requesting the Court to appoint counsel (Dkts. 35, 42). They bear the burden of convincing the Court that their claims have sufficient merit to warrant such appointment. *McCarthy v. Weinberg*, 753 F.2d 836, 838 (10th Cir. 1985) (citing *United States v. Masters*, 484 F.2d 1251, 1253 (10th Cir. 1973)). The Court has carefully reviewed the merits of Plaintiffs' claims, the nature of factual issues raised in their allegations, and their ability to investigate crucial facts. *McCarthy*, 753 F.2d at 838 (citing *Maclin v. Freake*, 650 F.2d 885, 887-88 (7th Cir. 1981)). After considering Plaintiffs' ability to present their claims and the complexity of the legal issues raised by the claims, the Court finds that appointment of counsel is not warranted. *See Williams v. Meese*, 926 F.2d 994, 996 (10th Cir. 1991); *see also Rucks v. Boergermann*, 57 F.3d 978, 979 (10th Cir. 1995).

**ACCORDINGLY**, Plaintiffs' motions for appointment of counsel (Dkts. 35, 42) are

DENIED.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald A. White", written over a horizontal line.

Ronald A. White  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of Oklahoma